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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provided for continued examination of a utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995.

See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

Application Number	09/990,049
Filing Date	November 21, 2001
First Named Inventor	William Ford
Group Art Unit	1651
Examiner Name	David M. Naff
Attorney Docket Number	450117-03449

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application. Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8 1995, or to any design application. See Instruction Sheet for RCEs (not to be submitted to the USPTO) on page 2.

1. Submission required under CFR 1.114.

- a. ☐ Previously submitted
- i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 CFR 1.116 previously mailed on. (Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered)
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
- iii. ☐ Other _____
- b. ☒ Enclosed
- i. ☒ Amendment/Reply
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☒ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv. ☒ Other Dressick reference

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2. Miscellaneous

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103© for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(l) required)
- b. ☐ Other _____

3. Fees

The RCE fee under 37 CFR 1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

- a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees, or credit any overpayments, to **Deposit Account No. 50-0320.**
- b. ☒ Checks in the amount of \$790.00 and \$330.00 are enclosed for the following:
- i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(e)
- ii. ☒ Extension of time fee (37 CFR 1.136 and 1.17)
- iii. ☐ Other _____
- c. ☐ Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)
- d. ☒ This is a Petition to Request a two-month Extension of Time.

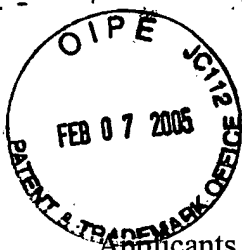
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**AMENDMENT FILED WITH REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION AND
PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed on September 8, 2004, Applicants

file herewith a Request for Continued Examination. Applicants hereby petition for a two-month

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extension of time from the Final Office Action, mailed on September 8, 2004, extending the period for response to February 8, 2005. A check in the amount of \$330.00 is enclosed as payment of the fee. (A payment of \$120.00 was submitted with the Amendment under 37 C.F.R. §1.116 filed on January 10, 2005. Thus, Applicants have paid the \$450.00 fee for a two-month extension of time). Please amend the above-identified application as follows.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 9 of this paper.